



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Meet the Lenders Event

On Tuesday, May 21, the City is hosting “Meet the Lenders,” an event to allow Brentwood business owners to learn more about the following programs:

- CalCAP: provides cash to cover the collateral shortfall of loans of \$100,000 or more, up to 40% of the loan value.
- SBA Loans: provide low interest, long-term loans with lower collateral requirements than conventional bank loans.
- AlternaLend: provides loans (including microloans and bridge financing) to start-ups and small businesses that may lack the collateral to qualify for conventional bank loans.
- Marble Bridge: provides short-term financing based on accounts receivable and purchase orders.

This free event will be held in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Space is limited; please register by contacting Peggy Trudell at (925) 516-5405 or ptrudell@brentwoodca.gov.

Participation in EC2 Event to Discuss Regional Workforce Issues

On April 30, the City hosted a meeting of EC2: The Collaborative. As previously reported, EC2 (East Contra Costa) is an ongoing effort to develop a regional economic development strategy for East Contra Costa; and it includes participation by the cities of Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and Pittsburg, and the Township of Discovery Bay, as well as Contra Costa County, the Contra Costa Council, various business groups, and other stakeholders in the region. The April 30 event was a staff-level discussion that reviewed recent progress and upcoming goals for EC2, as well as a discussion of recent activities of the Workforce Development Board, the Bay Point-Pittsburg Enterprise Zone, and i-GATE.

General Plan Update

Land Use Map Change Requests

One of the key steps in the General Plan Update process will be in August when the General Plan Update Working Group reviews the existing General Plan Land Use Map and makes recommendations for changing land use designations of properties located in the planning area. As part of this process, the Working Group is inviting property owners in the planning area to provide input on the Land Use Map, including the opportunity to propose map amendments for their respective parcels (for instance, to change from Industrial to Office, etc.). Any property

owners who want to request changes are encouraged to submit a Land Use Map Change Request Form, which is available on the City's General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org. Land Use Map Change Request Forms, along with the applicable fee based on parcel size, must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013. Forms should be submitted to the attention of Taira Ordaz in the Community Development Department, located at 150 City Park Way. Forms may also be submitted via fax at (925) 516-5407 or by e-mail at tordaz@brentwoodca.gov.

General Plan Update Working Group

The next General Plan Update Working Group meeting will be held on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Community Center (35 Oak Street). Topics to be discussed at the next meeting include economic development and fiscal sustainability. For more details about the Working Group meetings or the project as a whole, please visit the General Plan Update website at www.brentwood.generalplan.org.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Arbor Day Event

The City hosted its third annual Arbor Day tree planting project in cooperation with the Mormon Many Hands Day of Service on Saturday, April 27. Along the northern Sand Creek frontage east of O'Hara Avenue, approximately 80 volunteers from one Latter Day Saints Church ward planted, staked, and watered 24 native Redbud and Valley Oak trees and spread over 60 cubic yards of mulch. On the northern Sand Creek sound wall west of O'Hara Avenue, volunteers installed 20 replacement Boston Ivy vines, which were donated by East Bay Construction Company.



Other volunteers weeded and spread mulch at a native grass planting site along the Marsh Creek trail frontage, adjacent to the tree planting site. TerraCare Associates installed the irrigation system for the new trees, Public Works staff installed irrigation sleeves and pipes under the sidewalk, and Parks/Maintenance staff installed the water meter and backflow supplying the tree bubblers. Additionally, an automatic solar controller has been installed by Parks/Maintenance staff at this site.

The tree planting site and the native grass site are City property that previously did not have any landscaping.



Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex

The Brentwood Family Aquatics Complex ("BFAC") will be opening for weekends, beginning May 4. Hours of operation will be 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Admission (single entry) price is \$6 before 4 p.m. and \$2 after 4 p.m. BFAC will also be open for Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 27. The Parks and Recreation Department offers multi-entry passes at a discounted rate; 10 entries for \$39.10 (resident rate) or 25 entries for \$83 (resident rate). For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation at (925) 516-5444.



CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

For Week Ending May 3, 2013

Paul Eldredge, City Manager

Tree Replacements on Balfour Road

Parks/Maintenance staff and West Coast Arborists, the City's tree maintenance contractor, are beginning the final phase of the removal and replacement of the old, diseased, and stunted sycamore trees on Balfour Road. The sycamore varieties that were available at the time of approval and installation were susceptible to anthracnose, powdery mildew, and leaf scale, resulting in many of the trees being deformed and stunted. The newer hybrid "Columbia" is not susceptible to these diseases and has thrived in Brentwood. A total of 66 trees will be removed and replaced with 24" box trees. The larger size will offset the impact of the removals, as several of the removals are not much bigger than a 24" box tree. This project began two years ago and will be completed by the end of this year.

PUBLIC WORKS

PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. PG&E is paving from Central Boulevard to Balfour Road and working from Balfour Road to Baldwin Drive with traffic control up to Concord Avenue. Detours will be in place and traffic delays should be expected between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information please contact Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

2013 Pavement Management Program (Slurry Seal) and Trail Pavement Management Project

The City annually implements the Pavement Management Program ("PMP") to extend the life of streets and prevent costly repairs. This year's program will resurface approximately 1.75 million square feet of residential city streets with slurry seal. The project was advertised in March; seven bids were received and opened on April 23, 2013. Staff will make a recommendation at the May 14 City Council meeting for the lowest responsible and responsive bidder to be awarded the contract. For more detailed bid results and a list of the City's current projects out to bid, visit the City's website at the following link:

<http://www.brentwoodca.gov/department/pw/engineering/cip/CIPProcess.cfm#current>.

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